GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu (M) (now retired) – Disciplinary action initiated for irregularities committed by him for issuance of NoC for mining lease – Article of charges issued – WSD submitted – Inquiry Officer appointed – Inquiry Report submitted – Communicated – Explanation received – Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 10% cut in monthly pension for a period of (5) years - Show cause notice issued – Explanation received – Revised Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 10% cut in monthly pension permanently - Revised Show-cause notice issued – Explanation received - Disciplinary proceedings concluded – Imposition of penalty of 10% cut in monthly pension permanently under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued. – Reg.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 691 **Dated: 30-09-2024**

Read the following:

1.From CCLA, Lr.Ref.No.VS.II(2)/2639/2010, dt:14.08.2015.
2.Govt.Memo.No.168634/Vig.III.2/2015, dt: .04.2017.
3.Explanation of Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu (M) (Retd), dt:08.06.2022.
4. Memo.No.168634/Vig.III.2/2015 Dated:03.03.2023 (SCN).
5.Explanation received from Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu (M) (Retd), dt:18.03.2023.
6. Govt.Letter.No.168634/Vig.III.2/2015 dated 12.04.2023.
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/46/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.2057271) Dt.15.11.2023.
8. Memo.No.168634/Vig.III.2/2015 Dated:01.04.2024 (SCN).
9. Explanation received from Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu (M) (Retd), dt:19.08.2024.

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In the letter 1st read above, the CCLA has stated that they have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri B. Venkateswarlu, former Tahsildar, Prathipadu and Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former RI, Prathipadu (M), vide proceedings dt:18.01.2011 for the irregularities committed by them in issuance of NoC for mining lease to an extent of Ac.30.64 cts in R.S.No.10P, 11P etc, in Vanthada Village, Prathipadu (M) to Sri S.Sobhan Babu. Subsequently, article of charge have been issued to Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former RI, vide proceedings dt:19.01.2011. In reply, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence denying the charges framed against him. As the WSD submitted by the charged officer was not convincing, the Joint Collector, EG District was appointed as Inquiry Officer, vide proceedings dt:16.04.2011.

2. The Inquiry Officer/ Joint Collector, EG District, vide his Letter dt:16.06.2013 has submitted the inquiry report stating that the charge held proved against the charged officer beyond reasonable doubt. In meanwhile, the individual was retired from service on 31.01.2012. Therefore, CCLA, while forwarding Inquiry report, has requested the Govt to conclude the disciplinary action against him as per rule 9 of AP. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

3. Govt have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority and communicated a copy of the Inquiry report to Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former RI, Prathipadu (M) (Retd), with a direction to submit his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Authority, vide reference 2nd read above. In reply, the charged Officer has submitted his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Authority and requested to drop further action against him.

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4. Govt, after careful examination of the matter have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in monthly pension for a period of 5 years against Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former RI, Prathipadu (M) (Retd) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and a Show Cause Notice was issued to Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former RI, Prathipadu (M) (Retd) as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against him vide Memo 4th read above. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in the reference 7th read above, have advised to enhance the punishment to 10% permanently as the Commission opined that the delinquency infringes upon the moral turpitude and integrity of the delinquent as he forged the signature of the tribals giving away their consent.

5. Govt., after careful examination of the matter have revised the earlier provisional decision i.e., 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years to 10 % cut in pension permanently and accordingly a revised Show Cause Notice was issued to Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former RI, Prathipadu (M) (Retd) as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed against him vide Memo 8th read above. In the reference 9th read above, in his explanation he has not submitted any new grounds to the Government.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby impose the penalty of withholding of 10% pension permanently against Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu (M) (Retd) for the charge held proved against him under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri, shall take necessary action accordingly.

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri U.Neelayya Sastri, former Revenue Inspector, Prathipadu (M) (Retd) ***through*** the District Collector, Kakinada.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Kakinada.
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SECTION OFFICER